

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the contact plate is additionally positively held in frame.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, at least in a limited longitudinal portion of the frame, the contact plate is completely and tightly surrounded by the frame, and wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs.

11. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

12. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on a side of the contact plate remote from a reception side for the PTC elements, the frame is completely closed and consequently the contact plate is provided with a covering completely covering the same.

13. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

14-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

32-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 37 for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, the frame being made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic and moulded-on ceramic, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in the insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is frictionally held in the frame so that the contact plate cannot be drawn out of the frame without damaging the frame, and wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal

struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surround recesses for receiving the PTC elements and the longitudinally spaced crossbars are constructed as inwardly directed studs for the positive retention of the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

40-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 40 for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, the frame being made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

43. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 6 for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in the insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is frictionally held in the frame so that the contact plate cannot be drawn out of the frame without damaging the frame, and wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surround recesses for receiving the PTC elements and the longitudinally spaced crossbars are constructed as inwardly directed studs for the positive retention of the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

44. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 29 for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least

one end of the frame, and wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

45. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 10 for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, at least in a limited longitudinal portion of the frame, the contact plate is completely and tightly surrounded by the frame, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs, and wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.